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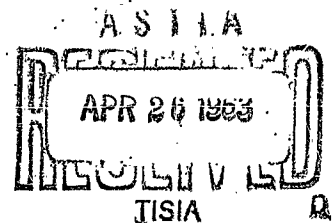
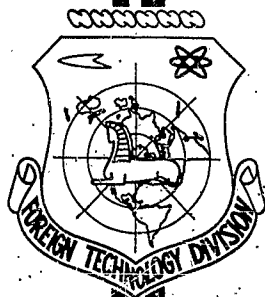
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SOLVING THE BOUNDARY LAYER PROBLEM

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The movement of an incompressible viscous fluid in a boundary layer is described in Kotschin et al. [1] by the equation for the stream function $\psi(x, y)$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = U \frac{dU}{dx} + \nu \frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial y^3} \quad (1)$$

with the boundary conditions

$$\psi = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \text{when } y = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \rightarrow U \quad \text{when } y \rightarrow \infty \quad (2)$$

If the velocity of the fluid $U(x)$ on the external boundary of the boundary layer is given in the form of a power series $U(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots$, the solution for $\psi(x, y)$ may also be found in the form of a series with respect to x , the coefficients of which must be found by numerical integration.

At present Curle [2] has carried calculations out to the x^{11} term for bodies with blunted fronts and symmetrical with respect to the onflowing stream. When using this solution one must limit himself to the first few terms of the $U(x)$ expansion, but this is not always sufficient, especially for asymmetrical bodies. In these cases one

must use a solution which cannot represent $U(x)$ as a rapidly converging series.

The author himself [3] has pointed out the possibility of producing a solution to the boundary layer equations definable by the dimensionless combinations $U'x/U$, $U''x^2/U$, $U'''x^3/U$, ..., in which the primes indicate differentiation with respect to x .

We will introduce a new independent variable $\eta = \eta(x, y)$ and the unknown function $f(x, \eta)$ so that

$$\psi(x, y) = \sqrt{U\nu x} f(x, \eta) \quad \left(\eta = y \sqrt{\frac{U}{\nu x}} \right)$$

For $f(x, \eta)$ is derived the equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \eta^2} + \frac{1}{2} f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \eta^2} + \frac{U'x}{U} \left[1 - \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 \right] + \frac{1}{2} f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \eta^2} = x \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial \eta} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \eta^2} \right) \quad (3)$$

with the bounding conditions

$$f = 0, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} = 0 \text{ when } \eta = 0, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} \rightarrow 1 \text{ when } \eta \rightarrow \infty \quad (4)$$

Let us examine the equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \eta^2} + \frac{1}{2} f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \eta^2} + \frac{U'x}{U} \left[1 - \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 \right] + \frac{1}{2} f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \eta^2} = \\ = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (ip_i - p_1 p_i + p_{i+1}) \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial p_i \partial \eta} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \eta^2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

in which the function depends on η , p_1 , p_2 , ...

We will look for a solution to this equation which satisfies the boundary conditions (4). If, in the space of the variables p_1 , p_2 , ..., function $U(x)$ parametrically gives a curve with the relationships $p_1 = U'x/U$, $p_2 = U''x^2/U$, it is easy to see that along this curve

$$x \frac{dp_i}{dx} = ip_i - p_1 p_i + p_{i+1} \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots)$$

therefore the right half of Eq. (5) represents

$$x \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial \eta} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \eta^2} \right)$$

and Eq. (5) coincides with (3).

Consequently, in this special case function $f(\eta, p_1, p_2, \dots)$ found by the solution of Eq. (5) with boundary conditions (4) will describe the flow in the boundary layer.

Two solutions for Eq. (5) may be produced: expansion into a series with respect to p_1, p_2, \dots and into one with respect to p_1-1, p_2, \dots . The first solution corresponds to boundary layer flow beginning at the sharp edge on which $p_1 = 0, p_2 = 0, \dots$, while the second describe a boundary layer beginning at a critical point at which $p_1 = 1, p_2 = 0, \dots$.

The coefficients of these series are functions of η and are found by numerical integration of ordinary differential equations. The necessary calculations were done on a "Strela" computer. They show that the coefficients of the series rapidly diminish as $\underline{1}$ grows, therefore in what follows the terms containing p_4, p_5, \dots are considered too small and are dropped. For bodies with a sharp forward edge.

$$f = f_{00} + 8f_{10}p_1 + 8^2(f_{20}p_1^2 + f_{21}p_2) + 8^3(f_{30}p_1^3 + f_{31}p_1p_2 + f_{32}p_2^2) + \dots \quad (6)$$

Substituting \underline{f} into Eq. (5) and setting expressions with various combinations of p_1, p_2 , and p_3 equal to zero we may derive equations for f_{ik} .

Because, however, numerical integration necessitates awkward right sides and consequent storage of much information, f_{ik} was computed by a different method. Let

$$U(x) = 1 + ax + bx^2 + cx^3 \quad (a, b, c = \text{const})$$

It can be found that

$$\begin{aligned} ax &= \frac{1}{d} \left(p_1 - \frac{1}{2} p_2 + \frac{1}{6} p_3 \right), & bx^2 &= \frac{1}{d} \left(\frac{1}{2} p_2 - \frac{1}{2} p_3 \right), \\ cx^3 &= \frac{1}{d} \left(\frac{1}{6} p_3 \right), & d &= 1 - p_1 + \frac{1}{2} p_2 - \frac{1}{6} p_3. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

By expanding into a series with respect to x we will find the solution to Eq. (3) with the boundary conditions (4) in the form

$$f = f_0 + ag_1x + (a^2h_1 + bh_2)x^2 + (a^3h_1 - abh_2 + ck_3)x^3 + \dots \quad (8)$$

The functions $f_0(\eta)$, $g_1(\eta)$, $h_1(\eta)$, ... satisfy the equations

$$\begin{aligned} f_0''' + \frac{1}{2} f_0' f_0'' &= 0 \\ g_1''' + \frac{1}{2} f_0 g_1'' - f_0' g_1' + \frac{3}{2} f_0'' g_1 &= -1 + f_0'^2 - \frac{1}{2} f_0' f_0'' \\ h_1''' + \frac{1}{2} f_0 h_1'' - f_0' h_1' + \frac{5}{2} f_0'' h_1 &= \\ = -\frac{3}{2} f_1 g_1'' + g_1'^2 + 2 f_0' g_1' - \frac{1}{2} (f_0 g_1'' + f_0'' g_1) + 1 - f_0'^2 + \frac{1}{2} f_0' f_0'' \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

with the boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} f_0 = 0, \quad f_0' = 0, \quad g_1 = 0, \quad g_1' = 0, \dots \text{ when } \eta = 0 \\ f_0' \rightarrow 1, \quad g_1' \rightarrow 0, \quad h_1' \rightarrow 0, \dots \text{ when } \eta \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

If we assume that p_1 , p_2 , and p_3 are small enough, it is possible to expand ax , bx^2 , and cx^2 into series of the form (6) by using (7). Substituting expressions for them into (8), collecting the terms with the same p_1 , p_2 , p_3 combinations, and comparing with (6) we finally find f_{1k} . For shearing stress at a wall $\tau = \mu \partial^2 \psi / \partial y^2$ when $y = 0$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} p^{-1} \left(\frac{vU^2}{x} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tau = f_{00}''(0) + 8p_1 f_{10}''(0) + 8^2 (p_1^2 f_{20}''(0) + p_2 f_{21}''(0)) + \\ + 8^3 (p_1^3 f_{30}''(0) + p_1 p_2 f_{31}''(0) + p_3 f_{32}''(0)) + 8^4 (p_1^4 f_{40}''(0) + p_1^2 p_2 f_{41}''(0) + \\ + p_1 p_3 f_{42}''(0) + p_2^2 f_{43}''(0)) + 8^5 (p_1^5 f_{50}''(0) + p_1^3 p_2 f_{51}''(0) + p_1^2 p_3 f_{52}''(0) + \\ + p_1 p_2^2 f_{53}''(0) + p_2 p_3 f_{54}''(0)) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

where the second derivatives of f_{1k} have the following values:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{00}''(0) &= 0.33206, & f_{10}''(0) &= 0.19290, & f_{20}''(0) &= -0.03129 \\ f_{21}''(0) &= -0.00318, & f_{30}''(0) &= 0.01244, & f_{31}''(0) &= 0.00132 \\ f_{32}''(0) &= 0.00008, & f_{40}''(0) &= -0.00679, & f_{41}''(0) &= -0.00074 \\ f_{42}''(0) &= -0.00003, & f_{43}''(0) &= -0.00002, & f_{50}''(0) &= 0.00423 \\ f_{51}''(0) &= 0.00053, & f_{52}''(0) &= 0.00002, & f_{53}''(0) &= 0.00002 \\ f_{54}''(0) &= 0.000001 \end{aligned}$$

The calculations from formula (11) coincide well with the results shown in Görtler and Witting [4] and Terrill [5]. To exemplify, break-away of the boundary layer $U = 1 - x^2$ takes place when $x = 0.64$, closely matching the value of $x = 0.67$ [5].

In order to examine the boundary layer on bodies with blunted foreparts we will introduce

$$x_1 = \frac{U'x}{U} - 1, \quad x_2 = \frac{U'x^2}{U} - 3\left(\frac{U'x}{U} - 1\right), \quad x_3 = \frac{U''x^3}{U} - 6\frac{U'x^2}{U} + 15\left(\frac{U'x}{U} - 1\right) \quad (12)$$

Let $U = x(1 + ax^2 + bx^4 + cx^6)$; then

$$ax^3 = \frac{1}{D}\left(\frac{1}{2}x_1 - \frac{1}{4}x_2 + \frac{1}{16}x_3\right), \quad bx^5 = \frac{1}{D}\left(\frac{1}{8}x_2 - \frac{1}{16}x_3\right) \quad (13)$$

$$cx^7 = \frac{1}{D}\left(\frac{1}{48}x_3\right), \quad D = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x_1 + \frac{1}{8}x_2 - \frac{1}{48}x_3$$

Using the solutions found by expanding with respect to x (Curle [2]), we will by the above-described method obtain

$$f = F_{00} + x_1 F_{10} + x_1^2 F_{20} + x_2 F_{21} + \dots \quad (14)$$

and for shearing stress at a wall

$$\rho^{-1} \left(\frac{\nu U^3}{x} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tau = F''_{00}(0) + x_1 F''_{10}(0) + x_1^2 F''_{20}(0) + x_2 F''_{21}(0) +$$

$$+ x_1^3 F''_{30}(0) + x_1 x_2 F''_{31}(0) + x_3 F''_{32}(0) + x_1^4 F''_{40}(0) + x_1^2 x_2 F''_{41}(0) +$$

$$+ x_1 x_3 F''_{42}(0) + x_2^2 F''_{43}(0) + x_1^5 F''_{50}(0) + x_1^3 x_2 F''_{51}(0) +$$

$$+ x_1^2 x_3 F''_{52}(0) + x_1 x_2^2 F''_{53}(0) + x_2 x_3 F''_{54}(0) \quad (15)$$

Here

$F''_{00}(0) = 1.232588,$	$F''_{10}(0) = 0.52145,$	$F''_{20}(0) = -0.06739$
$F''_{21}(0) = -0.01731,$	$F''_{30}(0) = 0.01668,$	$F''_{31}(0) = 0.00758$
$F''_{32}(0) = 0.00111,$	$F''_{40}(0) = -0.00627,$	$F''_{41}(0) = -0.00229$
$F''_{42}(0) = -0.00058,$	$F''_{43}(0) = -0.00041,$	$F''_{44}(0) = 0.00276$
$F''_{51}(0) = 0.00107,$	$F''_{52}(0) = 0.00016,$	$F''_{53}(0) = 0.00018$
$F''_{54}(0) = 0.00008$		

By using (15) the shear stress and point of breakaway are calculated for various cases described in Curle [2] and Terrill [6]; in doing so good coincidence is ascertained. By way of example we cite below values of the magnitudes

$$\tau = \left(\frac{vx}{U^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2}$$

calculated for $U = U_0 (x - x^3 + 0.0789 x^5)$ according to formula (15) and also borrowed from Curle [2].

x	0.2	0.4	0.56	0.64	0.665	0.690	
T	1.189	1.027	0.715	0.378	0	—	by formula (15)
T	1.189	1.027	0.712	0.369	—	0	from Curle [2]

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